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Mexican Nationals Sentenced for Document Fraud

Chicago, IL - Brian R. Perryman, District Director for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Chicago, together with Scott R. Lassar, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, announced the sentencing Tuesday of two Mexican nationals for the production, sale and distribution of counterfeit identity documents.

Jose Guadalupe Ulloa-Rosas, age 27, and Victor Manuel Oliva-Delgado, age 32, both of 3009 S. Central Park in Chicago and illegal aliens from Mexico, were sentenced October 12 by U.S. District Court Judge Joan B. Gottschall to 24 months in prison.

On November 22, 1998, Ulloa-Rosas and Oliva-Delgado were arrested by INS agents at 2848 S. Kildare Street after undercover surveillance revealed that Oliva-Delgado was conducting transactions with counterfeit document vendors in the area of Little Village from his station wagon. A search of the apartment at 2848 S. Kildare revealed that Oliva-Delgado and Ulloa-Rosas had set up one of the rooms as an office for the production of counterfeit identity documents to be sold on the street to illegal aliens in the Little Village area.

Counterfeit documents sell on the street for approximately \$120 a set, which includes a false social security card and a false "green card."

"The INS is cracking down on criminals who manufacture and sell counterfeit documents," said INS District Director Brian R. Perryman. "Our Special Agents are out on the streets in Chicago to ensure that these documents do not get into the hands of this country's illegal workers."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kaarina Salovaara, Northern District of Illinois, was responsible for the successful prosecution of this case in the U.S. District Court.

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